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MEXICO: Facts and Figures

Rank in LA

Capital	Mexico City (1960 Federal District population 5,000,000.)	
Area	760,000 sq. miles	3rd
Population	35,000,000 (3.3% annual increase)	2nd
Racial comp:	10% white 61% mestizo 29% Indian	11th(%) 9th(%) 5th(%)
Religious registration:	96% Catholic 1% all other 3% no religion	
Illiteracy rate	40%	6th lowest
Per capita income (1961)	\$314	8th
Labor organized	15%	7th
Economically active population:	32% Agriculture.....58% Industry.....16 Commerce..... 9 Transportation..... 3 Other services.....11 Unspecified..... 5	
US private investment (1960)	Amount: \$960,000,000 Share of total foreign: 60%	3rd after Venez., Braz. 11th
Budget (1961)	\$1,000,000,000	6th

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Chief Exports (1960) Cotton (27%)  
Coffee (12%)  
Lead and Zinc (10%)

Only nation  
whose 4 top  
exports make  
up less than  
50% of total.

Exports to US (1961) Amount: \$502,000,000  
% of total: 61.7

Imports from US (1961) Amount: \$795,000,000  
% of total: 70

Other major trading partners (1959)  
Exports to Japan.....\$52,000,000  
W. Germany... 18,000,000  
UK..... 14,000,000  
Imports: W. Germany...\$67,000,000  
Canada..... 26,000,000  
Italy..... 20,000,000

Imports by type of commodity (selected)		(% of total value)			
Class	1939	1956			
Foodstuffs	5.3	5.1	down	0.2%	
Crude and semi-processed materials	12.1	8.6	down	3.5%	
Light manufacture	26.0	12.3	down	13.7%	
Heavy machinery and transp. equipment	31.9	49.0	up	17.1%	

Note: Total value was 630 million pesos in 1930, 12,291 million in 1956, so that 1956 imports of heavy machinery and transportation equipment alone were ten times the value of all 1939 imports.

Role of Agriculture in GNP: (Millions of pesos)

Year	GNP	Agr. Prod.	Agr. %
1950	41,500	7,223	17.4%
1957	58,000	10,253	17.7
1958	60,600	13,514	22.3
1959	63,400	13,609	21.5
1960	67,000	13,663	20.4

Note: The breakthrough centered in 1958 and, while agricultural production has leveled off, it should continue to show some increase.

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Agriculture in the Trade Balance: (Millions of pesos)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Total imbalance</u>	<u>Agricultural plus balance</u>
1959	-3,576	3,452
1960	-5,584	3,773

Average daily per capita food consumption in Mexico in 1955 (compared to approximately 3,000 calories in US) was 2,260 calories, of which 1,328 was in cereals.

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